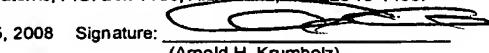


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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed December 7, 2007, in which claims 3-5 have been rejected, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.